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## John D. Idleburg Sheriff

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Gurnee Man Charged After Traveling to Meet a Child**

On December 14, 2022, the Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division and Sheriff's Special Investigations Group, in collaboration with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) concluded an investigation which resulted in the arrest of a man for the offense of indecent solicitation of a child.

For the past several months, Eddie R. Murillo, 43, of the 1500 block of Pinetree Drive, Gurnee, was communicating online with undercover detectives, posing as a girl under the age of 15. During their conversations, Murillo told 'the child' that he wished to engage in a sexual relationship with her.

On December 14, 2022, Murillo drove to meet with who he thought was the girl to engage in the sexual acts. When he arrived, he was arrested by sheriff's detectives.

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the charges of one count of traveling to meet a minor and one count of grooming.

Murillo remains held in the Lake County Jail pending an initial court hearing this morning.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Our detectives will continue placing an emphasis on proactively investigating those who prey on our children. Parents and guardians, I cannot stress it enough, know what apps your children are using and know who they are talking to on their devices."

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.